[*Translation*]

Change in Flight Time Scheme

6136 SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the time scheduled of the flight operating between Delhi and Hyderabad has been changed,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor

(c) whether Member of Parliament and other passengers have been facing great difficulties in reaching the distant places

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to restore the previous time schedule, and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The time schedule of the fight was changed consequent on augmentation of capacity in the sector

(c) to (e) Some references have been received regarding the difficulties faced by the travelling public However due to scheduling constraint, Indian Airlines is not a position to change the schedule of the flight for the time being

[*English*]

S. T. D. Facility in Midnapore, West Bengal

6137 SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the progress made so far for the setting up of automatic telephone exchanges with S T D facilities within National Network at Nandigram and Tamluk in Midnapore district, West Bengal, and

(b) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) and (b) (i) A new telephone exchange is opened at a place where the registered paid demands reach 10 or more as per policy of the Government

At present there are no registered paid demands at Nandigram

(ii) A Manual Telephone Exchange is already working at Tamluk replacement of which by an electronic automatic telephone exchanged together with STD facility has been planned during 1992-93

Production of Sponge Iron

6138 SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) whether the production of sponge iron has suffered, and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and (b) The production of sponge iron has increased from around 3 lakh tonnes in 1989 90 to around 8 5 lakh tonnes in 1990 91

During 1991-92, the production of sponge iron is expected to exceed 10 lakh tonnes